

Faculty advises reorganization

Academic reorganization plans are currently being discussed because the administrative structures of the University have changed nearly 10 times in as many years.

Reasons for these changes varied from suggestions of an accrediting agency to personnel changes.

A 16-member faculty committee was appointed to study the University's academic structure and to make recommendations concerning revision of the structure.

The committee, appointed four months ago by President Dr. B.D. Owens, upon the advice of the academic departments and the Faculty Senate, was chaired by Dr. Peter Jackson, dean of faculties. Dr. Patt VanDyke, associate professor of English, served as vice chairman.

The purpose of reorganization is defined as: "to facilitate communication, to clarify the relationship between staff and faculty, to allocate University funds to areas other than administrative, and to develop the sort of structure that encourages the best and wisest use of the staff and faculty."

Based on many hours of discussion and deliberation, the committee will formally present three plans of reorganization to President Owens Friday. Under the committee's recommendations there will be no changes in programs or majors. Some small departments may be combined, however.

"We have an expensive administrative structure now," Dr. VanDyke told Student Senate members at their Feb. 7 meeting. She explained the plan will be for more teachers for the same money.

The committee is also suggesting guidelines for division head and chairperson selection and duties.

All three of the plans are centered under the vice president of academic affairs.

Plan One is an eight-unit plan. It places all the departments under eight divisions: health, physical education and recreation; communications; applied science; natural science; business/economics; art and music; social and behavioral sciences; and teacher education.

The eight areas represent the minimum number to place like disciplines within the areas the committee felt.

Plan Two is a nine-unit matrix plan. The matrices are: applied science; business/economics; secondary education; elementary education (with a student teaching block supported by both); health, physical education and recreation; basic communication skills; social and behavioral sciences; fine arts humanities; natural and math sciences.

The main advantage is to allow for cooperation between programs and departments.

Plan Three is twelve units. This plan was modified by the committee after feedback from the faculty at meetings held Feb. 10.

These divisions are: business/economics; secondary education; elementary education and library science; health, physical education and recreation; history/humanities/philosophy, political science and geography; sociology and psychology/guidance; applied science; speech/theater; art and music; natural science; biological science; mathematical science; and English and foreign language.

These final three recommendations reflect some ideas from the faculty meetings according to Dr. VanDyke, but the final decision is up to the president.

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And the next day it snowed...



Car-pushing became the pastime of many students this past week because of the 12-inch, record snow. Students banded together in

attempts to make way for the snow plows. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Twelve inches fell

Ever since Cincinnati and New York City dug out from their vast snowfall last week, Northwest Missourians counted their lucky stars.

But the rude awakening came Monday morning on the heels of a quiet snow. The storm, the worst in this area since 1961, dumped some twelve inches of snow on campus.

Classes were canceled--a first since the mid-teen's according to Mattie Dykes, former NWMSU instructor.

Early Tuesday, crews were out to dig out. According to Dr. Robert Bush, assistant to the president, some 25 to 30 student volunteers from Phillips, Dieterich and the AKL house aided the 24 University grounds and maintenance employees beginning at 3 a.m. and worked throughout the night.

The clearing out continued Tuesday night as dorm residents were asked to move their cars from the parking lots so that snow could be removed. Loch Construction Company aided the University in the heavy snow removal.

Earl Brailey, director of Campus Security, reported excellent cooperation by all involved and expressed his appreciation.

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Senate President John Moore presides over his first Senate meeting Feb. 14. He plans on making few changes in Senate but would like to seem them improve the methods they use to initiate their programs. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

95 men to go Greek

Ninety-five men have pledged membership to the University's six social fraternities, reports Irene Huk, director of student activities.

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity pledged 33, Delta Chi pledged 19, Phi Sigma Epsilon pledged 19, Alpha Kappa Lambda 10, Delta Sigma Phi eight, and Sigma Tau Gamma, seven.

Those pledging each fraternity are:

Alpha Kappa Lambda--Paul Bataillon, Jack Covert, Larry Henning, Gene Langenfeld, Mark Narducci, Greg Nicol, Michael Paterini, Richard Watson, Ron Whitmore and Jay Zimmerman.

Delta Chi--George Agardi, Stuart Anderson, Brent Buckman, Craig Buschbom, Doug Carman, Steve Cipolla, Mike Conner, Terry Crouse, J. Britt Davis, Tim Ely, Bob Tachick, Darrel Holland, Craig Williams, Steve Hansen, Steve Rychnowsky, Steve McGuire, Dave Sturdthoff, Mike Henke, and Mike Witt.

Delta Sigma Phi--Ron Carr, Jeff Cook, Ken Davis, Jim Draper, Terry Hulsebus, Rea Laffin, Larry Meyer and Dave Ramm.

Phi Sigma Epsilon--Greg Bowen, Andy Corken, Scott Curtis, Rick Dietrich, Doug

Fish, Crae Geist, Dave Jones, Steve Kincaid, Scott Lemar, Kevin LeRette, Gerald Markham, Doyle Nauman, Brian Olsen, Bill Patterson, Dan Peterson, Kip Springer, Bill Stiles and Chuck Stolz.

Sigma Tau Gamma--Neil Anderson, Jody Baker, Pat Beary, David DeLoach, Steve Fox, Jack Loney and Mark Williams.

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Moore speaks out

Kathy A. Delk

"My overall interest in Senate has been to be able to work with the administration and students in making the campus a better place to go to school," said senior John Moore, new student senate president.

Moore, a business finance major, has been on the Senate four years. He's worked on the Recruitment Committee and the Housing Board. For the past two years, he's been parliamentarian of the Senate. He has served as president of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity and plans to attend law school next year.

"Senate," Moore said, "should take ideas of students, transform them into workable ideas, then pass them on to the administration."

He has a "working friendship with the administration. . . I've worked with them as chairman of the Recruitment Committee. Also, I've worked with admissions, dean of students and housing as an R. A. and a member of the housing board."

Through his fraternity he has also worked with President Dr. B.D. Owens and Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development.

Having evaluated the Senate's current work, Moore concludes that the programs they are working on are good, but the methods used to initiate them need improvement.

"Senate discusses several ideas each week," he said. "Often the ideas get lost in the shuffle of things."

Moore plans to define the structure of committees and to explain their purpose to the Senate. "That's where all the talking and hashing out should be done. They should put their ideas in writing and present them to the Senate."

"We're not trying to start anew with Senate or dismiss any programs that have

been started," he explained. "All I'm trying to do is achieve new direction with Senate."

Another thing Moore plans to do is look into Senate by-law changes regarding the resignation and replacement of senators.

Also he wants to examine the problems with the food contract, push for a five-meal plan, analyze the possibilities of a full-time intramural director and establish student input into the pre-registration program "so that students can avoid problems of the past."

Moore views his purpose as motivating senators and committee chairmen to get things accomplished and acting as the chief spokesman for the students to the administration.

Summing up his position, Moore said he plans to build a foundation for next year. "I want to work closely with the younger senators so that what's been started this year will be continued next year."

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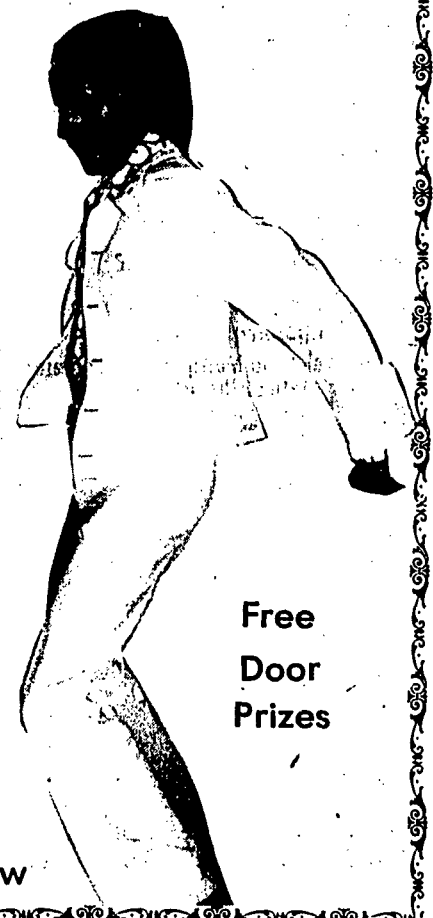
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Brunner wins movie award

A comedy film, "The Fly," by junior broadcast major Kevin Brunner took first place at the annual Bohlken Awards held in the Little Theatre Feb. 9.

Brunner's motion picture, which took about two weeks to complete, was a Charlie Chaplin-type film of a man who encounters a fly in his soup while in a diner and is abused by a bully and a woman. The fly grows quite large after sitting in his soup and causes several humorous situations such as landing on the waitress' behind and the bully's shoulder.

The acting was all by NWMSU students with Jon Kruse as the meek man.

Before the announcement of the winner, Mark Stein, an instructor at St. Joseph Central High School, presented two films made by his students.

One of these films, made by 15-year olds, starred a little clay man who appears out of a ball of clay and is able to smoke, climb down the side of a building and becomes dizzy while riding on a record player and falls off.

The other finalists for the Bohlken Awards were Phil Thatcher ("God's World"), George Wester ("Kentucky Rain"), Charlie Ragusa ("Holiday") and Steve Stucker ("The Scrapbook").

The judges were Rich Breiner, Craig

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Kevin Brunner, junior broadcast major, receives first place award at the annual Bohlken Awards from Mike McHugh, instructor of speech and theater. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

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John Jackson

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A scene from *National Velvet*? Perhaps. But this scenario describes Diane Hicks, home economics instructor, at her hobby, horse-jumping.

Coming from a ranch in Medicine Lodge, KS, Hicks has long been around horses. But she has recently discovered jumping as a sport.

"I always liked horses, and we always rode western style. But English style is more challenging, it requires more balance. Once you get into English you just naturally get into jumping," she said.

A novice to the sport, Hicks found there is quite a bit more to jumping than just grabbing the reins and holding on.

"I've found out the more you know, the more you realize it's not as simple as it seems. It's really quite complicated," she noted.

One of the major points is to be certain that you're in command of the horse. As they approach the jump, the rider must keep the horse "going on," that is keep encouraging him. At the same time the rider must squeeze the horse with her legs, while holding the reins in just the right position.

As they reach the jump, in a precise

number of strides, the rider must lean forward and rise off the animal's back to allow freedom for the jump.

If for some reason the rider hasn't kept the horse "going on," the rider could be in for a sudden surprise. When the horse doesn't feel confident, it may stop suddenly with the rider being thrown over the horse's neck.

Being thrown from the horse is, for most riders, inevitable but Hicks thinks she has taken more than her share of tumbles.

For someone who is a newcomer to the sport, she seems to be plagued with injuries. In the several months she has been jumping she has had a concussion, a black eye (when her horse bumped her) and a twisted knee (she was bucked off and had to prove who was boss. She took the horse over two more jumps, and the boss spent the next two weeks on crutches).

With these injuries and hazards, what is her motivation to jump? "The neatest thing about jumping is it's exciting. You have to be doing all the right things at the right time," she explained.

So despite the hazards she continues to jump and see her new sport as an important part of her relaxation future. "In riding the average age is 45," she said. "It's the kind of sport where your experience and skill are more important than brute strength."

Although a novice, Hicks won a blue ribbon last Thanksgiving at a horse show in Fort Leavenworth, KS. The show was held



Diane Hicks, home economics instructor, practices her new sport of jumping at Squire Farms in Fort Leavenworth, KS. A newcomer to the sport she hopes to someday compete in the American Royal in Kansas City. Photo courtesy of Diane Hicks.

on the Squire Farms where she trains.

Her present goal is to someday compete in the American Royal Horse Show. "Right now, that would be the ultimate," she said.

Eyewitness

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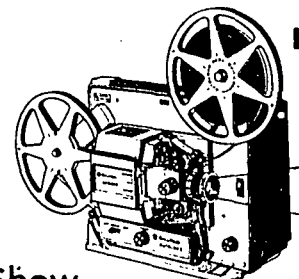
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Poet defines student attitudes

Suzanne Cruzen

Nikki Giovanni, author and poet, spoke here Feb. 9 on the attitudes of black college students.

"We're the ones who put each other down," she said. Believing this has to be overcome, she added, "If life means anything to us, it means we have to keep trying."

She's been trying since college 11 years ago. There, her belief "You're black, you'll have to be twice as good to get half as much," was enforced. Still adhering to this belief, Giovanni assured NWMSU black students, "There is nothing in your little black mind that isn't as good as what's in a little white mind."

Calling black women "the most discriminated group in American," Giovanni believes blacks are the most abused, underpaid and underemployed minority.

"Most of you, if you are going to survive, will have to create," she said. Survival also includes initiating changes.

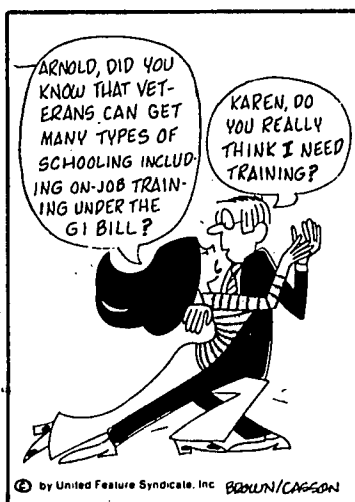
"When you leave this campus make sure something has changed. Make your impact a positive one."

Members initiated

Pledges for Kappa Omicron Phi, national home economics honor society were released Feb. 14 by Dr. Margaret Briggs, department chairman.

Initially started at NWMSU, the society has expanded across the country. The society presently has chapters in most universities in the United States.

The people who pledged the Alpha Chapter of KOP are Linda Freuh, Beth Hegeman, Susie Hersh, Lori Lage, Elaine Nees, Megan Nichols, Debbie Pfeiffer, Diane Shepperd, Sherry Smith, Karen Van Sickle, Michelle Wassum and Gayle Wilson.



Believing that the 1960s have left their impact, she said, "I'm chauvinistic when it comes to my generation. We changed the world, what have you done?"

Encouraging students to travel and experience life, Giovanni said, "It doesn't matter how much pain you endure. It's what good you get out of it."

According to Giovanni, "You are not a man or a woman if someone else is taking care of your basic needs."

Believing that technology can provide for most of man's physical needs, Giovanni is convinced emotional needs are often ignored. Individually we must "learn to be in tune with our emotions."

"Who loves you becomes secondary to who you love," she said.

Giovanni concluded her lecture with a poetry reading. Reflecting her verbal message, her poetry includes these two lines.

"Show me a person who is not for herself,
And I'll show you an empty person."



Distinguished poet and lecturer, Nikki Giovanni visited campus to speak on black culture. She ended the program by reading some of her poetry. Photo by Jay Liebhenguth.

Students to apply for fall RA positions

Students interested in applying for fall resident assistant positions must go through a series of evaluations, interviews and training sessions this spring.

"We're not looking for any exact characteristics," said Rob Wheeler, area coordinator. He cited openness, maturity, dependability and efficiency as qualities possessed by most good R.A.'s.

Applications are available now at the Housing Office in Cauffman Hall for students not currently holding R.A. positions. Five evaluation forms must be filled out--two by peers, two by faculty members and one by the student's current R.A. The application and evaluations must

be returned to Housing by 4 p.m., Feb. 27.

Current R.A.'s may reapply for their positions Feb. 10-14 by filling out the required forms.

"Just because a student is an R.A. and reapplies doesn't necessarily guarantee him a job. This is a common misconception," said Wheeler.

All applicants are expected to attend a meeting at 4:15, Feb. 27, in Horace Mann Auditorium.

After this meeting, the R.A. staff makes approximately a five percent preliminary cut of those people who are obviously not R.A. material based on the applications and evaluations.

Group observation will be held Feb. 28 and Mar. 1-2. This will consist of a team of area coordinators, grad directors and head R.A.'s giving each applicant a problem-solving task to complete. Evaluations will be based on the student's response.

Individual applicants undergo interview sessions Mar. 13-17 by three R.A.'s with whom they are unfamiliar.

"We're attempting to have the R.A.'s form objective attitudes on the applicants," Wheeler said.

Mar. 19-31 will include interviews with the area coordinators as a final step.

Wheeler said students would be advised of the final decision by Apr. 7.

The system is as effective as it can be according to Wheeler. "It's unfortunate because I'm sure we miss people every year who'd make very, very good R.A.'s. But if they're persistent, they'll eventually get it," he said.

Currently, the University employs nine head R.A.'s and 58 regular R.A.'s.

R.A.'s are paid with their room and a 20-meal plan. Head R.A.'s also receive tuition.

A student must have at least a 2.2 grade point average to apply.

Figures released

With off-campus enrollment in two courses still to come, Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development, has released spring enrollment figures.

Based on data through Feb. 8, 4,136 students are enrolled for spring semester classes.

The totals include 190 enrolled in the University's Graduate Center which opened for the first time in January on the Missouri Western State College campus in St. Joseph. Total graduate enrollment for the spring semester totals 726 students.

Men outnumber women by only 28 students--2,082 to 2,054. Nearly 3,600 students are carrying full-time equivalent loads of 12 hours or more of spring semester work.

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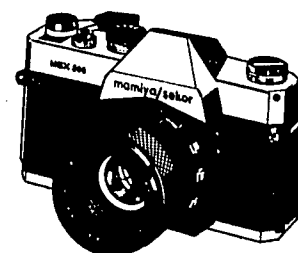
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'God's Favorite': hysterical Book vanishes into 'Thin Air'

Carole Patterson

God's Favorite, a Neil Simon comedy, is about, well, God's favorite.

His name is Joe Benjamin. A successful businessman, he owns a cardboard box factory, lives in a luxurious home, has a wife and three children and has undying faith in the Almighty Lord.

Everything is going Joe's way until a strange, nearsighted little man named Sidney Lipton stumbles, crawls and breaks into his house claiming to be a messenger from God.

God and the Devil, who looks like Robert Redford in a pink suit, were having a meeting one day, Lipton claims. Satan challenged God to prove that one of His followers had enough faith never to renounce Him no matter what punishment was inflicted.

Being God's favorite, Lipton concludes, Joe has been chosen for the test. And the remainder of the action deals with the punishments and temptations Joe must endure if he is to keep his faith in God.

His factory burns to the ground "like a cardboard box," he loses all his material possessions, every conceivable ailment is inflicted upon him, his family deserts him and still his faith remains unshaken.

An obvious parody on the Biblical story of Job, God's Favorite is modernized and hysterically funny.

Howard Prost as Sidney Lipton is an eccentric, slightly effeminate, nasal-voiced little character who delivers line after bizarre line to keep you rolling in the aisles.

Mike Saccone plays Joe Benjamin, a Jewish fatherly-type whose funniest scene occurs when the "itch" strikes and no amount of scratching will make it go away.

Joe's wife, Rose, is portrayed by Mary Kay McDermott. Steve Wray and Julie Stephens are the twin offspring and Randy Kindred is David, the alcoholic son who occasionally brings the wrath of God down upon his family.

Lucida Bushnell has a small role as Mattie, the Benjamin's servant.

Directed by David Shestak and assisted by Kevin Cordray, the play is one of Simon's funniest. The combined cast and direction make it a hilarious, memorable experience.

Don't miss it for anything under heaven.

God's Favorite will play Feb. 21-25 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. in the Ad Building Little Theatre.

Dave Gleseke

Every year thrillers jump aboard the best seller list, and this year is no different.

One of these thrillers is *Thin Air* by George E. Simpson and Neal R. Burger. These are the same authors who brought you *Ghostboat*, another thriller about two years ago.

Keeping with the same theme as they did in *Ghostboat*, the authors again deal with a secret Naval operation. Instead of having a submarine that disappears in the Bermuda Triangle as they did in *Ghostboat*, the authors have a secret Naval operation that makes officers, crew and even a ship disappear into thin air.

But many years after the project was scrapped, some of the surviving crew members start to have nightmares of this horrible event, even though there is no record of their being involved with this project.

Onto the scene then comes the hero. This time the hero is a naval intelligence officer named Nick Hammond. He gets involved in the investigation in the usual manner. His ex-girl friend (they had lived together for two years before they broke up) came to him to investigate the situation. Her husband was a member of the project and is now experiencing the nightmares that came with it.

Hammond goes on the search to find out who was involved and why the Navy would authorize such a project. Along the way he meets with attempts on his life among other things as he surges toward the answer.

This novel is typical of most so-called thrillers, and if you can get past the paid advertisements in the middle of the book you are doing pretty well.

Album autopsy

Steve Stucker

SIMPLE THINGS

Simple Things by Carole King is just what the title suggests. Simple, straightforward melodies that float and swirl through the room like butterflies in a playful mood. Carole King not only writes most of the material herself, she performs it in such a personal way that you feel like she's sitting beside you with her 12 string, singing about her life.

King has come a long, long way since *Tapestry*, an album that sold well over 13,000,000 copies during its record-breaking stay on the charts.

While *Simple Things* probably doesn't have as much top-forty material as *Tapestry*, it is actually a much better overall album. The arrangements, special effects and vocals are flawless, leading me to believe that Carole King isn't getting older, she's getting better.

This is definitely worth the money if

you're looking for an album to sit down and listen to.

PRIME TIME

Don McLean's *Prime Time* is sure worth listening to...just make sure you do the listening before you buy it. It's not that I don't think the album is good, but just that it might be a bit too abstract for a lot of people.

McLean has to qualify as one of the decade's most overlooked performers. Mention of his name immediately conjurs up thoughts of *Bye, Bye American Pie* and not much else, even though he has produced several top-notch works in the last few years.

Unfortunately *Prime Time* isn't quite as good as the rest. Still it's worth the time to hear McLean sound like Barry Manilow, Frank Sinatra and yes, even Don McLean!

With album prices sky high, I don't look for *Prime Time* to do anything on the charts. We'll keep listening, though, Don. ...maybe next time.

All-nighter

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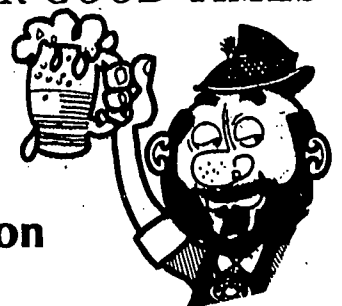
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Patriotism vs. apathy--a war without weapons

Forefathers write history

Feb. 22 and 12 are two important dates in the nation's history. These dates mark the birth of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln respectively, two of the greatest Presidents to serve the United States.

Born in 1732, Washington is best remembered through some of his supposed childhood adventures as chopping down a cherry tree and tossing a silver dollar across the Potomac. The Washington that is referred to as "the father of our country" is quite a different story.

His ability as a military leader and a statesman were unparalleled for a man of his time. As the General of the colonial forces during the Revolutionary War, he molded a band of misfits into an effective fighting machine that overthrew British tyranny of the colonies. His will and perseverance at Valley Forge is still marvelled at today.

As a statesman he proved fair and loyal to his country. Because of his overwhelming stature, the colonies were able to rally around him in faithful force allowing the desperate communion needed to unite the colonies.

As a President he set a precedent of unselfish devotion towards his country.

Through his patriotic devotion a weak country was given a chance to become the great nation that it is today.

Lincoln's story is the true American Dream of the boy raised in a log cabin that became the highest official in the land.

Born in 1809, Lincoln became involved in politics at the age of 22, securing the position of election clerk in New Salem, IN. This was the start of a long political career that culminated with his inauguration as the 16th President of the United States in 1861.

Amidst controversy he passed the Emancipation Proclamation which was later proclaimed throughout the land at the conclusion of the war. His Gettysburg Address will always be remembered to show the audacity of the Civil War and the great courage shown by the soldiers to preserve the United States. His great kindness was also shown at the end of the war as he pardoned the rebels.

He was re-elected to a second term but was halted by an assassin's bullet at Ford's Theater.

Both men's accomplishments have been landmarks in our American heritage. They are roots in American patriotism.

Some take it lightly; others work for it

Citizenship is often a seldom-thought-about pleasure to most Americans. But to Musa Mashal a graduate student in the Master of Business Administration program, it is the greatest privilege he has attained in life.

Mashal is a native Palestinian who has migrated to America because of the political conflicts in his homeland. He has lived in the U.S. for eight years and finally gained his citizenship Jan. 16, 1978.

This was no easy task as Masal explains.

"In order to become a citizen I had to live a respectable life for two years. This meant I had to avoid activist groups, stay out of trouble with the law and show that I could support myself without government aid," said Mashal. "After that two-year period I was given an Alien Card. From that point on I had to live five years in the U.S. to gain citizenship."

Because Mashal obtained an undergraduate degree in business at Northern Illinois Univeristy, his Constitution test was passed by a provision in the citizenship laws.

"I think the process to gain citizenship is fair and I was treated justly," said Mashal.

Mashal credits much of his success to the American people. "The people in this country have been very helpful as I bear no grudges against anyone," he said.

"Many people from my home country wish to come over here to gain the freedom I have," added Mashal. "I've visited 13 countries and this is the only real democracy I've seen," said Mashal. "I'm free. I can speak or write my opinions without the fear of being thrown in jail."

"There is great tradition in this country, but I think the younger generation is losing sight of its heritage," said Mashal.

Even with this newly found privilege Mashal still experiences the feelings of homesickness. "I haven't been home in eight years but hope to visit shortly now that I have my citizenship. Eventually I hope to bring my mother and brothers over for a visit by visa," said Mashal. "As for now I'm very happy gaining my citizenship, and will continue to further my studies."



Citizens don't recognize own Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Those who cannot recall where they've seen these words should not feel alone. Numerous students were unable to identify these words of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

In a poll of 60 students, the results were astounding. Fifteen students identified it, with another 16 saying they had seen it somewhere before.

From this point the results are more discouraging. Fourteen students thought it would be a good law to add to today's government, while the remaining 15 refused to recognize the Ammendment on the grounds that

it was too radical or there was no need for such a law.

The most baffling part students encountered when trying to decipher the words was the formal style of the writing.

"The wording is too complicated, so there might be a trick in it," said one uninformed student. "I've seen writing like this on the back of contracts in small print that rips you off," said another.

Another major problem was that students thought it was too radical for today's government. "Stuff like this is only circulated in places like the East Coast," said a wary student.

In a time when people are constantly watching the government, how can one be ignorant of their own laws? But as one concerned student said, "We could sure use a law like this today."

Is patriotism dead or just sleeping?

"I like these United States of America. I like the way we all live without fear. Here I can vote for my choice, speak my mind, raise my voice. Yes, I like it here."

Has America ever had it so good? And have Americans ever appreciated it less? One can only look around him to see whether or not patriotism--good old hand-over-the-heart, sing--"God-Bless-America" love and respect for the United States--still lives today.

Patriotism thrived when revolutionary soldiers fought to break away from British rule. And who could argue whether George Washington was a true blue patriot?

More recently, some can remember, others have been told, how every good man came to the aid of his country when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in World War II.

But the college-age students of today remember best the hard times of the Vietnam conflict. The times of "Hell no! We won't go!"

In a country where democracy and freedom of speech are the fundamentals of government, it suddenly became less important to fight for the freedom of others.

In a country where citizens would once gladly stand up and be counted, it became less important to stand up at all. Not to say the Pledge of Allegiance, not to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and definitely not to be drafted.

Today, the greatest interest most people take in the government is how long it is until income tax deadline. Or maybe how much unemployment they can collect before they have to look for another job.

In a nation where love of country once prevailed, apathy reigns king. Nobody cares who runs for Senate, and hardly anyone remembers who ran as vice president with Ford.

How much longer will this attitude prevail? Should we start by teaching our children to say the Pledge of Allegiance with as much pride as our ancestors? Should we teach them the real meaning of "one nation . . . indivisible with liberty and justice for all?"

Maybe one day children will once again sing on playgrounds: "If you don't like the stars in Old Glory and you don't like the red, white and blue, then don't be like the cur in the story, don't bite the hand that's feeding you."

Most of us remember when we were in first grade and had to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Most of us giggled a little, too, now and then (especially when a photographer walked into the room to take a picture of us). But as adults are we any better? It means a lot to learn those precious words. Maybe somebody still needs to teach us the meaning. Shown are first graders from Joann Stamm's Horace Mann Learning Center class as they were saying the Pledge.

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Brailey seizes incriminating paraphernalia

Mary Beth Clayton

Since the beginning of this school year Earl Brailey, director of security, has gained quite a collection of "seized paraphernalia."

Water pipes, ash trays, roach clips and bags of marijuana are a few of the nearly 100 items confiscated by Campus Security as a result of 58 drug busts on campus.

Although the ownership of pipes, clips and related objects is legal, the presence of controlled substance residue is the incriminating factor. Brailey said, "Anybody who's stupid enough to smoke grass in dorm room and think nobody's going to smell it is crazy."

Originality is displayed by the owners in the size and type of items. Some of the more unique ones are brass and wood

pipes, a hand painted, white porcelain pipe, a sterling silver kit used to melt heroin, hand-blown glass water pipes of bright colors, a Frisbee ashtray and a large bong. Some pieces are especially creative including a Welch's can and Pringles can improvised as water pipes.

What happens to these items? At the end of the year, all narcotics are turned into the local sheriff for destruction, and the objects involved are either destroyed or kept for display by law enforcement departments. Brailey is contemplating starting a collection for display.

Earl Brailey, director of security, exhibits the fruits of 58 drug-related crimes committed on campus since the beginning of the school year.

These items will be destroyed or put on display at the end of the current semester. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.



Debaters sponsor tournament

To see rounds of informative speaking and debate at competitive levels, try the Show Me Debates.

Northwest Missouri State's own debate tournament will be held Feb. 17-18. The tournament, co-sponsored by Citizen's State Bank, will feature individual events on Friday and debate events Friday and Saturday.

There are 15 schools, including Kansas University, South Dakota State and Northeast Missouri State, entered as of Wednesday morning according to Dr. James Leu, debate coach. Deadline for entries was Wednesday.

"We have a pretty good cross section of schools from the five-state area," said Dr. Leu.

Hosting the tournament will be members of the NWMSU debate team. They will not participate in competition.

Anyone who is interested in watching the competition should go to the Student Union third floor lounge for information as to location and time of the rounds.

Informative speaking will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Friday. Debate rounds will begin Friday at 3:30 p.m. and continue at 7 a.m. Saturday.

University staff members honored

Two staff members associated with business aspects of the University have been awarded Recognition Awards for their outstanding services as members of the support staff.

Jean Kiser, cashier in the business office, and Patsy Alvey, secretary in the 28-member academic Department of Business and Economics, were presented letters of appreciation by President B.D. Owens. In addition, both were presented a gift certificate for merchandise of their choice from the University Book Store.

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Brailey refuses to take a stand on the legalization of marijuana other than to say "the laws say it is illegal. If the law changes I change because it's my job." He has never tried smoking because, "It's illegal."

There are no pending narcotic cases involving the University and campus cases seem to be showing a decrease. Brailey believes it's because they're getting caught.

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Library bars losses

Well's Library is equipped with an electric library security system to cut down on library material loss. The system, made by 3M, was installed in April, 1974, after being proposed for over a year.

"The equipment is 90 percent effective" said Dr. Charles Koch, director of library service. The loss of books, record equipment and other library aides is down considerably.

Selected at random, the materials are sensitized at the library with a cost of only 11 cents per item. This is much less than the replacement cost would be. All high-risk items--vertical files, periodicals and new books are treated.

"Library losses are tremendous all over the world but our electrical system has retarded losses here tremendously," said Dr. Koch.

But systems can be beaten as proved by an incident revealed by Earl Brailey, director of campus security.

On Dec. 3, 1977, the Maryville Public Safety Department informed campus

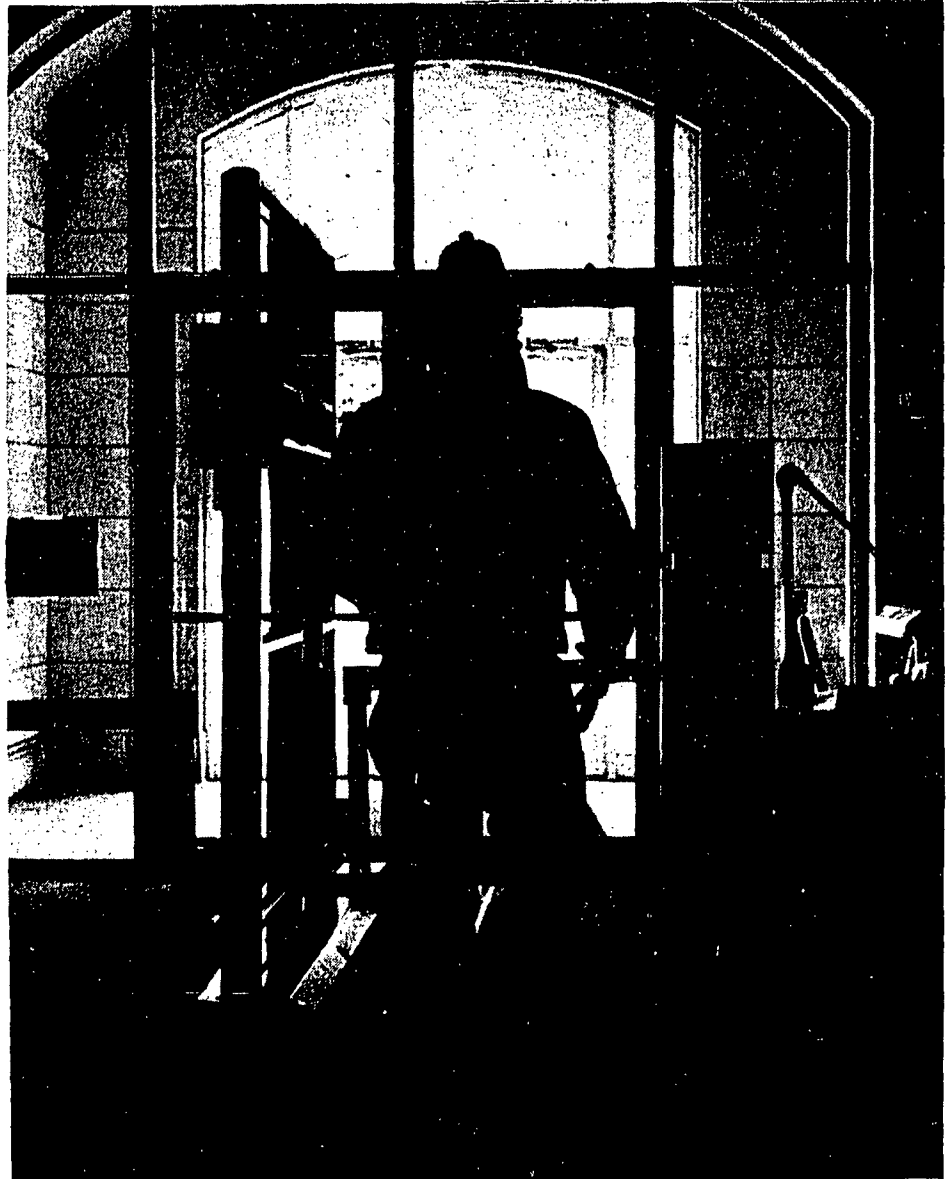
security that at a residential fire a large group of books with NWMSU identification had been found.

Upon investigation it was found the resident, a former student of this campus, had confiscated a collection of books valued at \$1635. According to Brailey about 50 percent of the books still had the magnetic binding and many were still sensitized.

Few of the books are repairable and the loss includes a Gothic print of Chaucer and a set of eight Stephen Crane books valued at \$200. These items were not missed until the incident and probably wouldn't have been discovered until the next inventory, the last one being taken in 1972.

Referring to the security system Brailey commented, "Systems take away the obvious," and added, "it restricts enough." He also stated that he believed such stealing was still taking place and he is going to take action.

Losses of this kind are costly to NWMSU and the electric library security system is one way of cutting the opportunity.



NWMSU's electronic library security system was installed in 1974 and is reported by Dr. Charles Koch, director of library services, as being 90 percent effective. The system was installed to cut down on the amount of materials stolen. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Senate proposes changes to present dorm contract

Proposed changes to the housing contract have been approved by Senate. The proposals, made by Freshman Senator Steve Cipolla and Senate President John Moore, will go to the administration for approval.

Recommended changes are in Section 1 - line 3, Section 2, 4 and 7. Section 1 now reads the \$50 room deposit "will be refunded at the end of the school year." The change will read "will be refunded at the end of the student's on-campus residency."

Section 2 involves room fees. The change will explain that a \$3 fee will go toward a programming fee and \$12 towards a utility surcharge fee. It also explains more clearly the student has the option of paying room fees in installments.

Penalties for canceling the contract is in Section 4. It says the student will have to pay "the sum of \$50 and forfeit the \$50 room deposit." The change will read "the forfeiture of the \$50 room deposit." This means the student won't have to pay \$50 to cancel the contract.

Added to Section 7 will be "the University and the students are expected to maintain safe and sanitary conditions."

Another recommendation will be made to make the contract effective for one semester only. It's presently effective for both semesters.

Senate also moved not to back the proposed academic changes.

"I feel that the proposals were not given to us in time for us to think about and make suggestions on them," said Junior Senator Mic Jones. "The president hand-picked people to be on that committee, but there weren't any students chosen to be on it."

Cipolla suggested that Senate form their own committee and present their proposals to the president.

Other business included the appointment of two new senators. They are Roger Scarborough, off-campus senator, and Myra Horner, sophomore senator. Jones was appointed parliamentarian.

Spring election has been set for April 4. Applications will be taken between March 13-28. Anyone interested in running for a Senate position should apply.

Off-campus Senator Ben Westman announced pool hours have been changed. They will be open on Saturdays from 2-5 p.m. beginning this Saturday.

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Duane Fouts, left, of the Flying Bearcats presents former astronaut Col. James Irwin, right, with a certificate for honorary membership in the club. They are surrounded by the officers and the sponsor of the new organization. Photo by Dwight Tompkins.

Bearfacts

Joy Inc., Gospel Singers will perform at Horace Mann Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 21. The group, sponsored by the Religious Life Council, invites everyone to attend.

The Mr. Hudson Hilton Pageant will be held March 16. Applications will be taken from any NWMSU male student. For further information, contact Hudson Hall Dorm Council.

The Department of Home Economics is hosting a career day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 18. The Student-Faculty Interface Committee, sponsors of the event, chose the theme "Think Positive-Think Professional-Think Home Economics."

All area high school junior and senior students and their parents have been invited to participate.

Students are reminded drop-add for first semester courses will end March 1.

The Maryville Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is now accepting applications for fellowships and scholarships to be awarded for the 1978-79 academic year.

Available scholarships are the May Corwin award of \$500 and the junior scholarship award of \$300. Also available is the Anna M. Painter Graduate Fellowship Loan of \$1,000 for graduate study only.

Women who wish to apply for either of the scholarships or for the Anna M. Painter Loan should contact Kathryn McKee, Horace Mann Learning Center, Room 103. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28, 1978.

The dinner to be attended by Hamilton Henderson's Afro-American class in St. Joseph Feb. 19 has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

The admission test for NWMSU's School of Practical Nursing has been rescheduled for Mon., Feb. 20 at 8:15 a.m.

For additional information, interested persons should contact Leola Stanton, 101 Wilson Hall, or telephone 582-7141, ext. 259.

The Biology Department will offer a course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation Feb. 18 in Room 219, Garrett-Strong Science Building from 9-12 and 1-4. The course is free but the student must attend all six hours.

Applications for the Gwynetha Girling Scholarship may be obtained from Dr. James Lowe in 324 Colden Hall.

Recipients must be planning to go into some area of social work. Preference will be given to juniors and seniors in the 1978-79 academic year.

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New club takes off

Students with an interest in aviation have formed a new organization, the Flying Bearcats.

Frank Offutt, who was instrumental in forming the new club, explained that the club was formed to better acquaint the members with each other.

"There are quite a few students on campus who have their license. We hope that by meeting we can share our interest with each other," said Offutt.

Although the club is new, NWMSU had a similar group during World War II.

"There was a group of students who would receive credit by learning to fly during the war, but they were never really organized," explained Offutt.

Presently, there are 15 members in the club. However, only about seven of them have their pilot's license.

Offutt credits Dr. Robert Bush, assistant

to the president with helping organize the club.

"Dr. Bush's interest in flying was particularly helpful in organizing the club," said Offutt.

With the interest in aviation growing, Offutt would like to see the club become involved with interscholastic contacts.

"There are several universities around the country which have flying programs," said Offutt. "I would like to see us become involved in some type of interscholastic competition."

Besides this, Offutt feels the club will keep members informed of the aviation world.

"Aviation is constantly changing. By meeting and keeping each other informed of experiences which we have had, we will know how to deal with that problem should it ever arise," said Offutt.

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Student's 'ship comes in'

Snyder nominated to Merchant Marines

John Jackson

Have you ever dreamed of sailing the Seven Seas or commanding your own ship? For Brady Snyder, NWMSU junior, this dream may soon come true.

United States Congressman Tom Coleman has nominated Snyder for the Merchant Marine Academy. As Snyder reveals, "Ever since I can remember I've been interested in going to one of the academies."

The academy, which along with West Point and Annapolis compose the United States military training institutions, offers two degrees. The recruits can receive a

B.S. in Nautical Science, for those interested in deck officers' positions, or a B.S. in Marine Engineering.

So how does a 19-year-old from Brookfield, MO, become a nominee to the Merchant Marine Academy? According to Snyder, it's quite easy--you apply for admission.

"I always thought about working in government in some sort of way. And one day I just decided to put in an application," he said.

While at the Academy Snyder will be studying for the nautical science degree.



Brady Snyder, an NWMSU junior, reads over a Merchant Marine manual while relaxing. The 19-year old has been nominated by Congressman Tom Coleman for the Merchants Marine Academy. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

The program itself will contain a lot of math and science.

But the classroom for second semester of

his sophomore and first semester of his junior year will be far from stuffy rooms.

Instead he will be serving on board a ship,

mailing assignments to his instructors.

The Academy is located at Kingspoint, NY, on Long Island Sound, 20 miles north of New York City. Even though the distance will be great, Snyder doesn't intend to forget his home state. "I hope I can represent Missouri well at the Academy," he said.

After four years at the Academy, he will then serve the mandatory three and one-half years in active service. After graduation Snyder will be commissioned second lieutenant with the option of completing his obligation in the active Navy or Merchant Marines.

Graduates of the Academy are not necessarily restricted to becoming sailors. Some go into positions as port officers or work for the Trade Commission.

If his nomination is confirmed, Snyder feels his experience at NWMSU will be a helpful education.

"It (NWMSU) has given me the maturity and confidence I'll need to get through four more years of college. When I graduated from high school, I really didn't know what I wanted to do," he said.

Kappa Delta Pi initiates members

Ninety-eight education majors have been initiated into Zeta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary society in education.

The announcement of the initiates was made by chapter sponsor, Dr. John Harr, who has sponsored the honorary since it was chartered in the spring of 1948 on the NWMSU campus. This year's initiation class was thus the 30th at Northwest Missouri State.

To be eligible for initiation into Kappa Delta Pi, the student must be at least a second semester sophomore, must plan to pursue the teaching profession, must carry at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in all course work on NWMSU's 4.0 grading scale, and must have been admitted into the University's teacher education program.

Those accepting the society's ideals of fidelity to humanity, science, service and toil are: Kathy Adkins, Laurie Amend, Joseph Ankenbauer, Patti Austin, Kathleen Bagley, Dorothy Baldwin, Carolyn Barmann, Joan Bomgardner, Phyllis Bounds, Debra Britton, David Brouse, Janet Burnham, James Butkus, Kathleen

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Sports

Julie Schmitz: still winning after all these years

Dave Gieseke

One adjustment Julie Schmitz did not have to make upon entering college was being on a championship basketball team.

As a sophomore in high school, Schmitz was a member of the Northeast Nodaway girls high school championship team. In her junior and senior years, the team finished third and second respectively.

Schmitz jumped from a second place finisher her senior year in high school to a state championship as a freshman in college. Here she was a member of the 1976 Bearkitten MAIAW championship squad. Schmitz is again hoping for a state championship.

"Right now we're seeded second; and if we get into the finals, I think we can win," she said.

Despite winning a state championship in college, Schmitz regards the high school championship as more meaningful.

"The high school championship was the first time state championships were held for girls in Missouri," she said. "When you are a freshman in college, you don't think about those things because so much is going on."

One of the adjustments Schmitz had to

make from high school to college was the size of the players.

"Everybody is four to six inches taller. Also everyone in college is good, where in high school not everyone is good," she said.

Although only a junior, Schmitz holds several Bearkitten records among which are most free throws in one game, most assists in one game and most assists in a single season. Currently she is fourth on the all-time scoring list, but she expects to move up in that department next season.

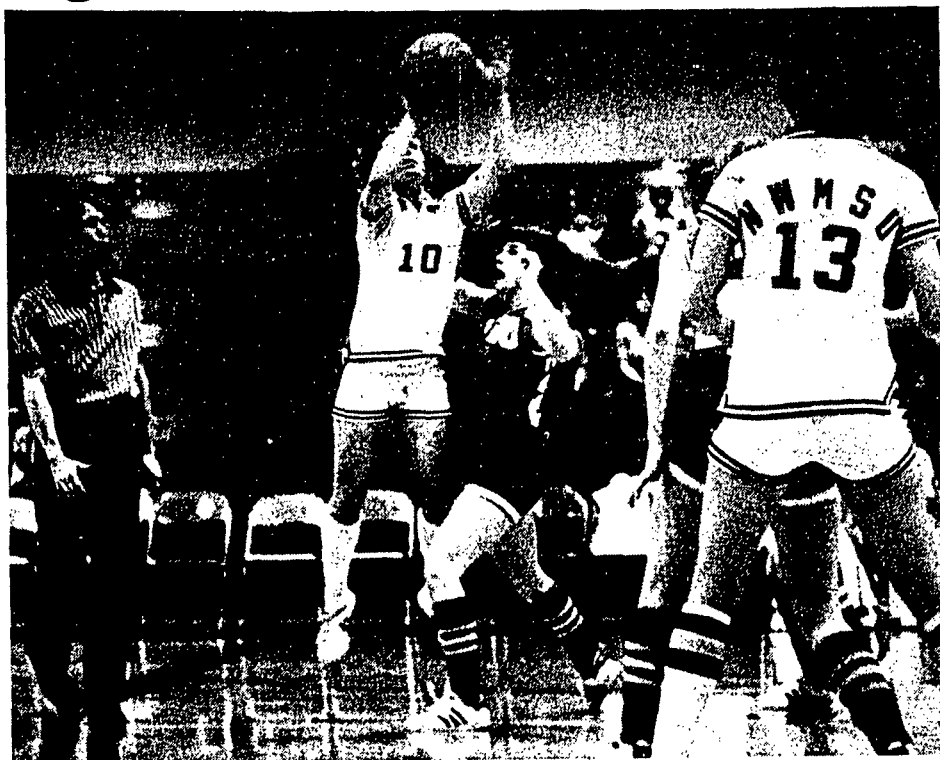
"It's almost certain I can become second. With a lot of luck I might be able to pass Janet (Cooksey), but I'll have to have a good season," she said.

Despite the records she holds the most important thing to her is a state championship.

"This team is a lot better than last year's. Every loss we've had this year has been close. I just hope we do good at state," Schmitz said.

One of the reasons the 'Kittens are in the state tournament is Schmitz's role as the floor leader.

"I like being the floor leader because of the pressure it puts on you. You can make things happen out there," she said.



Julie Schmitz (no. 10) puts up a shot as Janet Cooksey (no. 13) moves in for position. Schmitz is the college record-holder in assists for a season, with the most by either a man or woman. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

Ex-marines participate in gridiron wars

Kevin Vall

Veterans are not uncommon participants in collegiate sports. NWMSU is no exception with former Marines Jim Bivens and DeWitt Forrester playing for the Bearcat football team.

Bivens, a second-semester freshman, finds college life to his liking having been discharged from the Marines seven months ago. "The freedom encountered in college today is incredible," said Bivens. "In the service I always had somewhere to be, doing a certain thing, at a certain time."

"My toughest problem so far has been to utilize my time effectively, particularly toward studying. Being away from school two years has made it a little hard to adjust," said Bivens.

On the football field, though, Bivens has wasted no time in showing his talents. He was a valuable member of Bearcat specialty teams last fall receiving the honor of special Player of the Week in the William Jewell game.

"I played on the Marine football team which allowed me to stay in form, so I could play football right out of the service," said Bivens. "I find that the hitting was more intense in the Marines, but that an overall college program is much better."

Bivens would never have heard of NWMSU had it not been for his defensive coach in high school who played with head Coach Jim Redd in Maryville years back. The school is also the closest to Bivens, hometown, Caseyville, IL.

"The football program definitely attracted me as there was a lot of potential when I visited the school," said Bivens.

"Everything has worked out well for me since I joined the Marines. The Marines was a very rewarding and immeasurable experience. I traveled the world and did

things I wouldn't have done elsewhere," commented Bivens. "I'd do it again if given the choice, but as for now I'm very happy here in Maryville."

Forrester's case is quite different from Bivens'. He's a junior majoring in physical education and plans to further his military career upon completion of his undergraduate work. "I'm enrolled in a platoon leaders' class that will commission me as a second lieutenant for when I return to service," said Forrester.

"This college contacted me through its veterans' office which to me showed the school had good organization. NWMSU is a good school for my major along with its overall scholastic program," said Forrester. "There are many extra skill centers such as tutors and writing labs to improve yourself outside the classroom."

"I chose the service after high school because I was ready to get away from studying after 12 years. As it turned out, it was the best move I ever made," said Forrester.

Football was not primarily on Forrester's mind when he enrolled at school because his company commander didn't allow him to play saying they should concentrate on being Marines instead of playing games.

"I was rusty when I started out here, but the coaches showed interest in me which encouraged me. "The program has treated me fairly and I enjoy it," said Forrester.

Forrester, who plays defensive end, recalls playing his first varsity game against NEMSU as his most memorable moment.

"Right now an education is the most important thing to me along with my wife. It's essential that I complete my studies for my future," stated Forrester.

"Both Bivens and Forrester have fit very well into the football program," said Coach Jim Redd. "They're both hard workers and very mature. They both lettered this

year to show one their importance on the team. They have a good sense of direction as they're both here because they want to be here."

On the sidelines

Dale Gard

College basketball is a funny game. The one predictable element in the game is its unpredictability.

This weekend has proven no exception. Several top-ranked teams were defeated by lesser-ranked teams. Number-one ranked Kentucky was beaten over the weekend, as were Notre Dame, ranked fifth and seventh-ranked North Carolina.

Thanks to these upsets, Arkansas has moved into the number-one position, the first time in history that a Southwest Conference team has been considered king of the hill. Arkansas has been considered no better than the second best team in the country.

But the basketball ratings game is unpredictable also. Since Kentucky lost that one game over the weekend (in overtime, no less), they are no longer the best team in the nation and are now considered no better than the third best team in the country.

Similarly, Notre Dame is now rated as the seventh-ranked team in the country, yet the Irish are still ranked above the team they lost to, DePaul. And North Carolina is now picked as the eleventh best team in the country by AP, but still two spots ahead of Providence, who beat the Tar Heels last Sunday.

So, seemingly, at this point in the season, the ratings don't mean much. Thankfully, the NCAA settles the validity of the AP rating every year with the NCAA tournament. The tourney usually leaves little doubt about which team is playing the best basketball at the end of the year.

At this point in the season, it looks like there is no team that is head and shoulders above the rest. Several teams, in addition to the teams mentioned earlier, could walk away with the title.

Certainly defending champion Marquette has a good shot. Perennial power UCLA must be considered again. Kansas and Louisville have looked strong during the year and certainly have the talent to contend. Several other teams currently ranked will make a run at the title too.

So, we can't be sure about the top team in the nation quite yet. But for those who wonder, they'll just have to go along with the ratings.

'Cats entertain final foes this week

Two conference teams move into Lamkin Gym this Saturday and Monday for the Bearcats' final homestand of the season.

Playing against the 'Cats will be Southeast Missouri State on Saturday and Missouri-Rolla on Monday.

Southeast comes into the game with a 2-6 conference mark, putting them at the sixth spot in the conference, one notch below the Bearcats.

The Bears, 11-10 overall, are the best shooting club in the conference, hitting 50.5 percent of their field goal attempts as a team.

The Bears are led by sophomore forward John Sanchez. Sanchez is the number six scorer in the league, with a 15.1 average. Sanchez also ranks number two in both rebounding and field goal percentage.

The sophomore frontliner gets scoring

help from 6-3 guard Steve Tappmeyer, scoring at a 15.5 point-per-game clip. Tappmeyer is the number four field goal shooter in the conference and is the third best free throw shooter in the loop.

After the Southeast game, the Bearcats will entertain Rolla, a team the 'Cats have already defeated once this year. Rolla comes into the contest with the worst record in the conference, a 1-7 mark.

Rolla has been led this year by 6-6 center Ron Scroggins. Scroggins tops the team in scoring with a 13.7 average, good for the number nine spot in the conference. Scroggins is also the top free-throw shooter in the conference, with an .878 percentage.

Rolla gets most of its rebounding from two players, 6-6 forwards Jeff Kipp and Dennis DeBondt. Kipp and DeBondt are both grabbing 6.3 misfires per game.

All-Missouri track meet scheduled for today

Today's Missouri Intercollegiate Championships at Columbia will provide some good competition and experience for the Bearcat track squad.

All four-year institutions in the state are eligible to participate, including the host team, the University of Missouri-Columbia. They will be the only NCAA Division I team running on the indoor track in the Hearnes Multipurpose Building.

"The competition is going to be really tough," said head track coach Dick Flanagan, "but it will be good for us. That's what we want to run against."

There will be no team scores kept, but each school can enter as many as four people in each event. Missouri Intercollegiate Championships T-shirts will be awarded to the top four finishers in each event (first-place team only in relays).

"MU is the only Division I team there, so they'll be loaded with talent," explained Flanagan. "But there might be some MIAA teams who will compete just as well." Two Bearcats to watch for in the

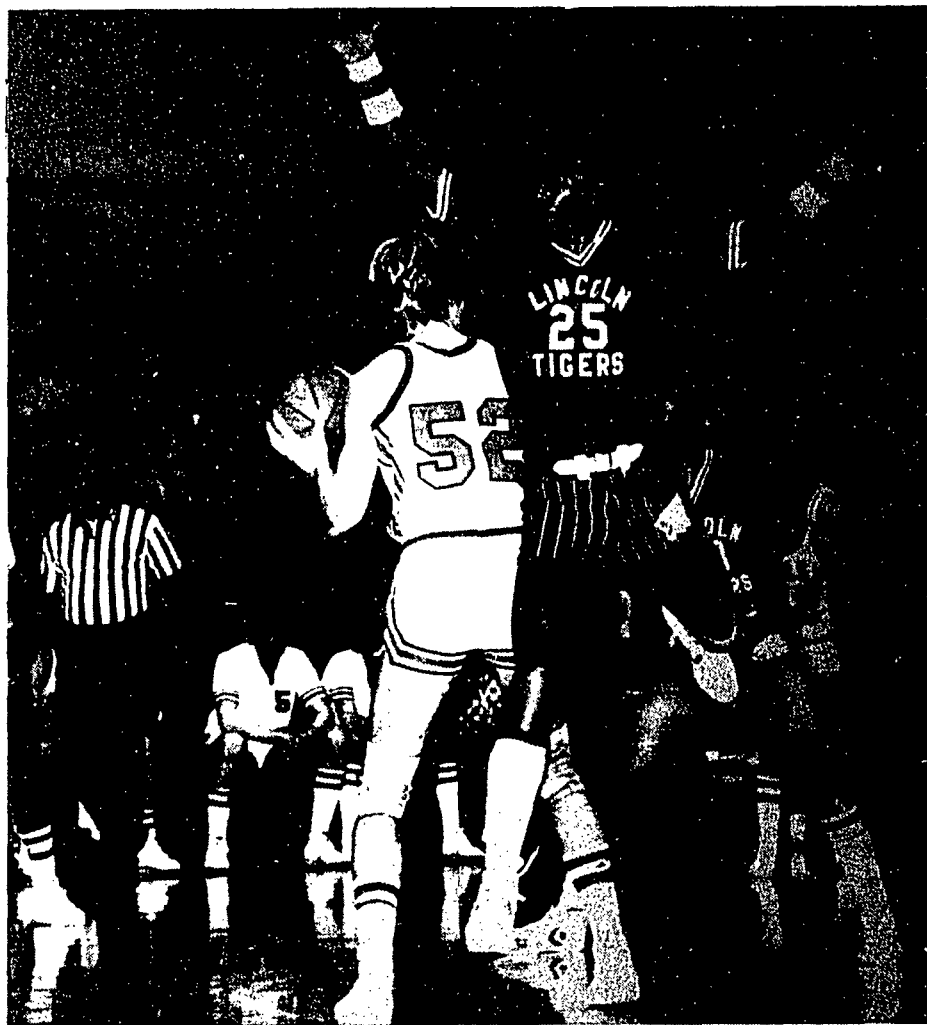
final standings are Bob Kelchner and Lethal Dunlap.

Kelchner, a junior from Sedalia, holds or is a part of more school records than any other 'Cat on this year's squad. Besides holding the record in the 1000-yard run, he is also a member of the two-mile relay, four-mile relay and distance medley relay teams.

Dunlap, a freshman out of Kansas City, KS is already a leading point-getter on the team and could completely rewrite the record books during the next three years. The versatile, young athlete will probably compete in the triple jump, long jump, 60-yard dash, 300-yard dash and mile relay in today's meet.

"We're young and inexperienced, but I've been satisfied with the squad's progress," said Flanagan. "It seems like we get a little better each time we compete. This meet at Columbia should provide us with some excellent experience."

Flanagan added that today's meet will also be good preparation for the March 4 MIAA conference meet at Warrensburg.



Pete Olson (no. 52) tries to pass off to a teammate in a game against Lincoln. Olson and teammates will play their final two home games of the year this Saturday and Monday against Southeast and Rolla. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

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The Stroller

Your Stroller had blown it. He had just dumped his lunch all over the girl of his dreams--it was catastrophe city. Hoping that "Geography" would not create a scene over the trite incident, your Stroller did the only thing he saw fit. He sat down and offered her a napkin.

Obviously, this girl had no sense of humor, no sympathy for klutzes. She's probably not even a member of the ASPCA. She had the nerve to throw her orange drink, ice and all, in Your Campus Carouser's face and stomped out of the cafeteria. Evidently she had become a little testy over the whole ordeal.

Your Stroller's spirits had suddenly done a nosedive--splat--and hit rock bottom. Orange drink is very hard to get out of white Disneyland T-shirts. The whole situation was out of control. This was worse than the heartbreak of psoriasis.

By that time a small crowd had scampered over to see how your hero was--how thoughtful. "Boy, Stroller, are you lucky," said one concerned admirer. "She could have done you in good."

Not knowing what the chap meant, your Stroller inquired just what the heck the guy implied by that. The answer was bad news. Your Stroller, the fun-loving, easy-going, all-around-likeable guy he is, had fallen in love with--Black Belt Betty.

How could he ever apologize to this fair, yet powerful damsel? Evidently, it would be dangerous to your Stroller's health to do it in person. So there was only one real solution--say it with flowers.

Checking out the finances, your valiant

The University pulled through in the clutch. It took the big one, but they did it.

Twelve inches of snow and one day of canceled classes, but when they set out to clear the paths, they pulled through.

There were those skeptics who have soothed bruised behinds (and egos) from slip sliding away on campus highways and biways. They would never have believed it--without seeing it.

But lo and behold! The sidewalks were clear bright and early Tuesday morning.

With the help of 25 to 30 student volunteers working from 3 a.m., the 20-some regular maintenance and grounds employees shoveled several tons of snow.

And when we had recovered from our initial shock at not having to wade snowdrifts, we began to realize that somebody deserved a pat on the back.

So to those individuals who gave up a few hours sleep and some soft muscles, we owe a big heartfelt thanks.



Valentino called in his order. If anyone was going to be injured let it be the FTD delivery boy.

How could anyone remain mad after receiving such a thoughtful gift? Your Stroller anxiously awaited BB Betty's call thanking him.

The call came and sure enough your Stroller's plan had worked. She had received the flowers and wanted your revived Romeo to rush right over.

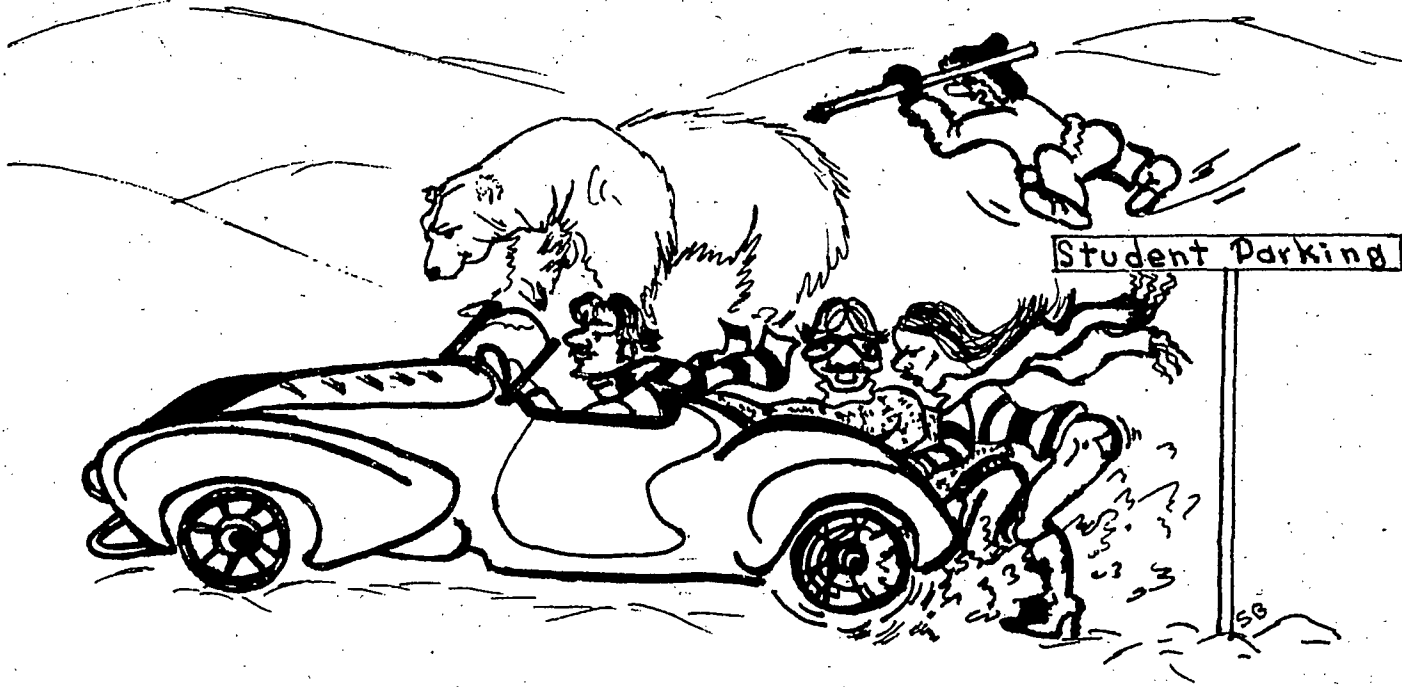
Like lightning your hero was at her door, dreaming of the moments to come. She opened the door. The flowers were in her hand one second; and before your Stroller

could let his charm overcome her, she shoved the roses in his face and slammed the door shut.

After removing a thorn from his right cheekbone, your hero saw the problem--the wrong card was on the flowers. It read "With Deepest Sympathy in Your Time of Sorrow--Forever awaiting your reply--Stroller."

Figuring this could put a small damper on their relationship, your hero strolled back to the dorm to ponder his next move. Down, but not out, your hero decided that perhaps his next purchase should be a suit of shining armor.

By Mercer with Grace



Then you said, "Let's go to Missouri to school. It was a Southern state during the Civil War."

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

This note is a response to the letter to the editor in the Feb. 10, 1978, issue of the *Missourian* signed by one Cosmos Okafor.

Cosmos's story is filled with exaggeration and unrealistic claims, like Okpaligbo Nnanta whom was said to have been trained on how to bake human flesh in an oven, by his slave master.

The editor could have published that story in "Children's Fairy Tale Column."

I will advise Cosmos to stop using the Nigerian Students Union's Office for his own "CHEAP" popularity.

A Nigerian

CORRECTION

In last week's letter to the editor from Cosmos Okafor, two paragraphs were inadvertently in error. The paragraphs are printed below as they should have appeared. Okafor's name was also misspelled on page 2. The *Missourian* regrets the errors.

Okafor would also like to make clear that his letter represents his interests only and does not reflect the management or staff at Harambee House or the Nigerian Students Union.

My great, great grandfather Nnanta was infuriated and embittered by the sudden

loss of his three sons. He wept bitterly. He was driven to the limit of his senses. There is a limit for human endurance. He was forced to do something which he could be sorry for. In retaliation for the tragic loss of his sons, he staged many battles against the slave merchants and their middlemen.

Okpaligbo was also initiated in the EKPE, MBOKO AKANIGWE, OKONKO, IYANKPE, secret cultural societies of the IBO people. Okpaligbo Nnanta died in 1960 at the age of 110 years. He was given a funeral ceremony according to our native African tradition.